PROPOSED RESOLUTION: In support of staff representation on university governing boards 03/01/2024

WHEREAS our University Senate is uniquely designed to provide a platform for every major constituency of the university—staff, faculty, students, and alumni—to have a voice in institutional policymaking and to exercise leadership in decisions that help shape our community; and

WHEREAS staff are fundamental to the daily operations of this institution and their contribution is essential to the success of its mission; and

WHEREAS there currently exist non-voting seats for faculty and student representatives on the governing boards of Rutgers University, but there is no representation for staff; and

WHEREAS incorporating staff representation on our governing boards would provide a channel for valuable perspectives and insights of our dedicated staff;

THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED that the Rutgers University Senate supports the creation of non-voting seats for staff representatives on the Board of Governors and Board of Trustees; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this support be communicated to the governing boards by the Chair of the Senate.